

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): An apparatus for dispensing a liquid, comprising:
a dispensing end, an adaptor end, and an elongate dispenser body extending therebetween, said dispenser body having a first major surface extending to said dispensing end, said dispenser body defining a fluid reservoir opening on said first surface, said fluid reservoir for receiving a fluid to be dispensed, said dispenser body further defining a first elongate open channel opening on said first major surface and extending between said fluid reservoir and said free end of said dispenser body.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said dispenser body includes a second major surface opposite said first major surface, said dispenser body defining a second fluid reservoir opening onto said second major surface for receiving the fluid to be dispensed and a second elongate channel extending between said second fluid reservoir and said free end of said dispenser body.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second channels are shaped such that the fluid to be dispensed is conducted into said channel by capillary action.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said first fluid reservoir communicates with said second fluid reservoir through said dispenser body.

Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said dispensing end of said dispenser body comprises a substantially planar strike surface.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said strike surface extends substantially orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of said dispenser body.

Claim 7 (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said strike surface defines a dispense end of said first channel.

Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said first major surface depends from said strike surface.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said first channel opposes said second channel.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first channel is further defined between first and second elongate channel side walls.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said first and second channel side walls extend transversely-spaced across said channel.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said first and second channel side walls define a V-shape.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said free end of said dispensing body includes a non-planar strike surface.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said dispensing body further comprises a tapering surface extending between said strike surface and said first major surface.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said dispensing body is substantially planar.

Claim 16 (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said dispensing body extends between said first and second reservoirs.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the body is approximately 0.001 inch to approximately 0.050 inches thick as measured between said first and second major surfaces.

Claim 18 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the contact area has a surface area ranging from approximately 1×10^{-7} square inches to 1×10^{-4} square inches.

Claim 19 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the reservoir comprises a depressed area on the first side of the body.

Claim 20 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said reservoir tapers continuously to form said first channel.

Claim 21 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein liquid is retained within the reservoir by surface tension.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): An apparatus for dispensing a liquid, comprising:

a plurality of dispensing pens having a liquid to be dispensed upon striking each said dispensing pen upon a surface;

a dispensing pen manifold, said dispensing pen manifold including a plurality of cantilever arms for independently supporting said plurality of dispensing pens.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each of said plurality of cantilever arms further comprises a manifold base and a pair of transversely-spaced elongate beams extending from said manifold base.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each said cantilever arm supports a dispensing pen through at least one of said elongate beams extending from said base.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each of said elongate beams extending from said base are adapted to support one of said dispensing pens therethrough.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each of said first beams extend between said respective base and a common first anchor.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each of said second beams extend between their respective base and a common second anchor.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 22, wherein each of said dispensing pens further comprises a dispensing pen of claim 1.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): An apparatus for dispensing a liquid, comprising:
an elongate dispensing body having a first free end including a strike tip, said dispensing body also defining a fluid reservoir for receiving a fluid to be dispensed and a fluid channel for conducting the fluid to be dispensed between said strike tip and said fluid reservoir.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 29, wherein said strike tip includes a strike surface defining a dispense aperture in fluid communication with said fluid channel.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 30, wherein said strike surface is substantially planar.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 30, wherein said strike surface further comprises an annular rim about said spotting aperture.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 30, wherein said strike surface is substantially non-planar.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The apparatus for dispensing a liquid of claim 30, wherein said strike surface extends substantially orthogonal to the axis of the dispensing body.

Claim 35 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said adaptor end further comprises a unitary spring member.